

Dear Honorable Members of The Environmental Committee:

**Please vote NO on HB 5295** that establishes a factory-like farming program to slaughter thousands of rabbits for food consumption under the guise of promoting farming in the state. Rabbits are the third most popular family pet after dogs and cats. While the rest of the country has recognized and elevated rabbits as pets and innovation in the agriculture field is moving away from meat products, CT is taking a step backward in proposing this initiative.

**PLEASE VOTE YES IN SUPPORT of SB 239:** Poisons used to kill rodents (rodenticides) find their way into the ecosystem and wreak havoc with wildlife especially hawks, owls, eagles, and other birds which are Federally protected and there subject to decrease in species potentially causes extinction or reclassification as endangered, threatened the US FISH AND WILDLIFE Migratory Bird Treaty ACT of 1918. This bill is a good first step, but stronger measures are needed. PLEASE SUPPORT a ban on lethal second-generation products and limit the use of First Generation rodenticides on state property and public land including wildlife habitats. If not for the wildlife then do it for your family, pets and children as rodenticides if ingested will kill them.

Thank you,

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